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SUBJECT: COUNTRY CLEARANCE REQUEST FOR DOC
TECHNOLOGY AND ENTREPRENEURISM COUNSELOR MARIO
CARDULLO.

REF: USDOC 01031

¶1. COUNTRY CLEARANCE IS GRANTED FOR MARIO
CARDULLO,

COUNSELOR ON TECHNOLOGY AND ENTREPRENEURISM TO
TRAVEL TO BARCELONA, SPAIN FROM APRIL 11 TO 16, 2005
TO PARTICIPATE IN THE INTERNATIONAL NETWORK FOR SMES
(INSME) ANNUAL MEETING.

¶2. AS PER YOUR CABLE USDOC 01031 WE UNDERSTAND
THAT HOTEL AND TRANSPORTATION ARRANGEMENTS HAVE BEEN
ALREADY ARRANGED.

¶3. PLEASE NOTE THAT THE CONTROL OFFICER FOR YOUR
VISIT TO BARCELONA IS:

JIM FLUKER, PRINCIPAL COMMERCIAL OFFICER
USCS BARCELONA
AMERICAN CONSULATE GENERAL
ADDRESS: PASEO REINA ELISENDA DE MONTCADA, 23
08034 BARCELONA
TEL OFFICE: [34] (93) 280 2227, ext. 213
TEL HOME: [34] (93) 280 0710
CELL: [34] 609 166 735

OFFICE FAX: [34] (93) 205 7705

¶4. TRAVELER SHOULD BE AWARE THAT SPAIN REQUIRES A
VISA FOR OFFICIAL OR DIPLOMATIC PASSPORTS.

¶5. THREAT ASSESSMENT:

IN GENERAL, SPAIN IS SAFE. HOWEVER, MADRID,
BARCELONA AND OTHER LARGE CITIES IN SPAIN -
INCLUDING RESORT/CONVENTION AREAS SUCH AS
BENIDORM - ATTRACT A LARGE NUMBER OF CRIMINALS AND
PICKPOCKETS AND FREQUENT INCIDENTS OF CRIME OF
OPPORTUNITY AGAINST THE UNWARY DO OCCUR. CARRY ONLY
ESSENTIAL ITEMS INCLUDING A PHOTOCOPY OF YOUR
PASSPORT'S PHOTO PAGE. VISITORS CAN PROTECT
THEMSELVES AGAINST CRIME BY BEING STREET-SMART,
ALERT AND AWARE OF THEIR SURROUNDINGS. IN THE EVENT
YOU ARE VICTIMIZED BY CRIME, OR EXPERIENCE ANY
SECURITY-RELATED INCIDENT, PLEASE CONTACT THE
EMBASSY'S REGIONAL SECURITY OFFICE AT 91-587-2550 OR
AFTER HOURS AT 91-587-2355. OFFICIAL VISITORS TO
THE EMBASSY IN MADRID OR THE CONSULATE GENERAL IN
BARCELONA ARE ENCOURAGED TO RECEIVE A SECURITY
BRIEFING FROM THE RSO OFFICE AT THEIR EARLIEST
CONVENIENCE. ADDITIONAL INFORMATION REGARDING
SAFETY AND SECURITY IN SPAIN IS AVAILABLE ON THE
U.S. DEPARTMENT OF STATE'S WEBSITE
(HTTP://WWW.STATE.GOV) AND THE U.S. EMBASSY'S
WEBSITE (WWW.EMBUUSA.ES).

TRAVELERS ARE ENCOURAGED TO REVIEW THE MOST RECENT
WORLDWIDE CAUTION ISSUED BY THE DEPARTMENT OF STATE.
AS THE DEPARTMENT OF STATE CONTINUES TO DEVELOP
INFORMATION ON ANY POTENTIAL SECURITY THREATS TO
AMERICANS OVERSEAS, IT SHARES CREDIBLE THREAT
INFORMATION THROUGH ITS CONSULAR INFORMATION PROGRAM
DOCUMENTS, AVAILABLE ON THE INTERNET AT
HTTP://TRAVEL/STATE.GOV. IN ADDITION TO INFORMATION
ON THE INTERNET, U.S. TRAVELERS CAN HEAR RECORDED
INFORMATION BY CALLING THE DEPARTMENT OF STATE IN
WASHINGTON, D.C. AT 202-647-5225 FROM THEIR TOUCH-
TONE TELEPHONE, OR RECEIVE INFORMATION BY AUTOMATED
TELEFAX BY DIALING 202-647-3000 FROM THEIR FAX
MACHINE.
(CS/WILSON/ORTEGA). MANZANARES.

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